11. Improvement in the functioning of banks, particularly at the grassroot level;

12. Creating a better climate of awareness of beneficiaries and their proper organisation;

13. A greater involvement of voluntary agencies will be sought for implementation of IRDP schemes including TRYSEM, to enable new types of family oriented projects to be implemented in a most effective manner; and

14. A new system of concurrent evaluation on the basis of taking up *36 districts, 72 blocks and a group* of 10 current beneficiaries and 10 beneficiaries who received their assistance two years ago, per month has been introduced to have a closer monitoring of the programme.

Revamping of Mother Dairy Delhi

471. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mother Dairy, Delhi has so far not finalised its service Rules despite employing over 500 staff with a monthly pay packet of above Rs. 15 lakhs and having staff on deputation from other Departments thereby causing staff unrest; and

(b) whether Government propose to revamp the present Management Committee of Mother Dairy and allow its workers to participate in the Management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Pending certification of the Draft Standing Orders submitted by the Dairy in November, 1977 to the Certifying Officer in accordance with the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946 the conditions of employment of the employees of Mother Dairy are governed by Model Standing Orders.

Out of about 650 regular employees on the roll of the dairy only one employee is on deputation from the Central Public Works Department for horticulture work, and that too at a senior level.

(b) No proposal for revamping the present Management Committee of Mother Dairy is under consideration of Government. The Workers of Mother Dairy are however already generally involved in formulating the policies concerning service matters of the Workers through the recognised Union with whom bilateral agreements are entered into.

Non-observation of 9th May as paid Holiday in the Mother Dairy

472. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 9th May, 1986 was declared a paid national holiday in honour of Rabindranath Tagore;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government orders were ignored by Mother Dairy, Delhi despite representation from its workers;

(c) whether any representations have also been received by Government; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against the Management Committee for flouting Government orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir. It was only a closed holiday (in

addition to the Gazetted holidays) in all Government of India offices including Industrial Establishments.

(b) Mother Dairy authorities had checked up with some of the other Public Sector Units like I.O.C. E.I.L., N.T.P.C., B.H.E.L. As they were not observing 9th May, 1986 as a holiday, the Mother Dairy also did not declare a holiday on 9th May. The position was explained to the Employees' Union when they had taken up the matter and subsequent to the discussion, the Employees' Union did not raise the issue again.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Creation of additional zones of sugarcanes in Maharashtra

473. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have received any representation from the Government of Maharashtra for creation of additional zones of sugarcanes in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Creation of additional zones for sugar-cane is within the purivew of the State Government, and no representation in this regard has been received from the Government of Maharashtra. However, the Government of Maharashtra has requested for the creation of additional zone in the State for the purposes of fixation of levy sugar prices, which is under consideration.

Mobile fair price shops in hilly and inaccessible areas

474. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any mobile fair price shops are operating in hilly and inaccessible areas of the country;

(b) if so, the areas where such shops are in operation; and

(c) whether any schemes have been drawn up to expand the existing network of mobile fair prices shops ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) According to information received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, as on 30-6-86, 153 mobile fair price shops were operating in hilly, remote far-flung and inaccessible areas of Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) For helping the States in oprating additional mobile fair price shops in Integrated Tribal Development Project areas, the Central Government provided assistance of Rs. 95.02 lakhs to the States of Bihar, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh for purchase of 53 vans, during 1985-86.

During the financial year 1986-87 a sum of Rs. 19.00 lakhs was released to the Government of Manipur for purchase of 9 vans for operating mobile fair price shops in the interior areas of the State.

Famine affected States

475. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States which were affected by famine or near famine conditions in recent weeks;